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SUBJECT: ROKG SURFACES NORTH KOREAN SPY RING

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1. ROK ARMY SECURITY COMMAND (ASC) ANNOUNCED NOV 5 THAT IT HAD UNCOVERED MAJOR NORTH KOREAN DIRECTED SPY OPERATION. SPY RING REPORTEDLY WAS DIRECTED BY NORTH THROUGH KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN. TOKYO MINDAN CHAPTER OFFICIAL CHIN TU-HYON ALLEGEDLY WAS LINK WITH PYONGYANG. ASC HAS ARRESTED EIGHT "AGENTS", INCLUDING CHIN, AND TEN OTHERS WHO FAILED TO REPORT ACTIVITIES OF RING.

2. ASC CHARGES THAT RING'S MISSION WAS TO INFILTRATE POLITICAL, ACADEMIC, MILITARY, RELIGIOUS, AND LABOR GROUPS; ORGANIZE "BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION DEMOCRACY"; AND IN ADDITION TO COLLECTING CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION, TO STAGE UPRISING AT DECISIVE TIME. RING REPORTEDLY USED PRO-ROKG MINDAN AS FRONT.

3. ARRESTED AGENTS WERE:

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KANG UL-SONG (38) ROK ARMY HQS CIVILIAN

PAK KI-RAE (48) SEOUL BUSINESSMAN
KIM TAE-YOL (45) KWANGJU BUSINESSMAN
PAK SOK-CHU (34) COMPANY EMPLOYEE
HWANG KYONG-CHU (43) COMPANY EMPLOYEE
CHANG SA-RANG - CHIEF FISHING COOPERATIVE, KWANGJU

4. THOSE ARRESTED FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO AGENTS AND
NOT REPORTING ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

MAJOR YI TAE-PONG - ROK ARMY HQS
AN YONG-SOP - DEAN CHONNAM UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE
YI YONG-CHAE - PROFESSOR HANYANG UNIVERSITY

5. DURING SPY RING ANNOUNCEMENT ASC COMMANDER DISCLOSED
THAT RETIRED GENERAL YI SE-KYU WAS IN ASC CUSTODY
(REFTEL REPORTED YI'S DETENTION BY ASC). ASC CHARGES THAT
YI IS INVOLVED IN SPY CASE, WAS CONTACTED BY AGENT KANG UL-SONG
ON AT LEAST TEN OCCASIONS, AND HAD REVEALED MILITARY SECRETS.
HOWEVER, ASC QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING YI NOT CHARGED FOR
SPY INVOLVEMENT BUT IS BEING HELD FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SOME
"OTHER" CASE.
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